

ASQUITH TO TAKE SEELY'S POST AS WAR SECRETARY

Colonel Refuses to Withdraw Resignation From Cabinet and Premier Acts Against All Precedent.

WILL ASK RE-ELECTION TO ASSUME POSITION

Retires From House Until "Constituents Sanction His Return"—Shake-up in Government is Postponed.

BY HERBERT TEMPLE.

LONDON, March 30.—Premier Asquith's efforts to effect a solution of the army and cabinet crisis in such a manner as to leave his ministerial government intact failed today.

Col. J. E. Seely, secretary of state for war, refused to withdraw his resignation though heavy pressure had been brought to bear upon him at a long cabinet session.

His action indicated that Field Marshal Sir John French and Gen. Ewart would follow a similar course, as the three men were responsible for the unauthorized guarantee given to Gen. Hubert Gough and other officers in Ireland that the cabinet would not call upon to coerce the people of Ulster if they rebelled against home rule.

The first announcement of Seely's determination to withdraw from the cabinet came from a news agency. It was confirmed when the house of commons convened this afternoon. At that time the war minister took his seat on the third government bench.

This was tantamount to an official announcement that he had resigned altogether from the cabinet.

Premier Asquith announced his decision to take Seely's post as soon as the parliament session began. He also stated that he had failed in his attempt to induce Gen. French and Gen. Ewart to withdraw their resignations.

Without Precedent.

The action taken by Asquith in taking over the duties of secretary of war was without precedent in the modern history of England. It caused intense surprise, as Home Secretary Reginald McKenna had been regarded as the logical candidate for the position in case Seely resigned.

The premier's decision was taken to mean that he had found his plans to effect a re-arrangement of the cabinet were dangerous and that he would postpone the shakeup until a later day.

The premier will have to seek re-election as a member of parliament in order to assume the post of war minister and in making his announcement he stated that he would do so.

In concluding his momentous announcement, Premier Asquith said: "I shall therefore, in accordance with the law, retire from the house until it pleases my constituents to sanction my return."

The premier added that he had consulted many lawyers and that it was the highest opinion of all that he would have to resign in order to take the war portfolio.

Answering questions put to him by the opposition Asquith stated that neither he nor his colleagues in the government knew of the two paragraphs added to the army council's statement until after the latter had been handed to Gen. French.

The liberals gave the premier a tremendous ovation as he left the house in compliance with his intention.

Most Important Week.

The cabinet meeting beginning Monday is one of the most important in the political history of the United Kingdom. Leaders of the opposition party prepared to open another bitter attack upon the government in a final effort to force out the cabinet and kill the home rule bill. It was to combat the effects of this attack that the members of the government labored so strenuously.

Following the cabinet meeting a cabinet committee held a prolonged conference with Field Marshal French and War Secretary Seely, which was taken as indicating developments of the utmost importance.

Immediately after this conference Premier Asquith hurried to Buckingham palace and was in audience with King George for some time. The premier outlined the course of action adopted by the ministry and discussed the outlook for this afternoon's events in the debate in the house of commons.

Excitement Prevails.

The assembling of commons was attended with tremendous excitement. For hours before time for the session to be called to order party whips were busy rounding up all the members so that if a vote was taken on any question the government would not be caught napping.

Chancellor David Lloyd-George was not in his place. Word had been received from Wilton that the chancellor is ill there under care of physicians, but many persons acquainted with the inside of the political situation declared that the absence of the chancellor was really due to a division of sentiment among the cabinet members.

CLEVER RELATIVE OF EX-SPEAKER CANNON TANGOES FOR MONEY



Mildred Cannon

Special Correspondence.

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, Ind.—Mildred Cannon, niece of ex-speaker Joe Cannon, seems to have the same get-there spirit which made her father a prominent figure in American politics for so many years.

The other day she announced to her father she wanted to be a professional dancer.

Her father's point blank. But, with Uncle Joe's aid, Miss Mildred put through her plan. And now she is tangoing for real dollars at French Lick Springs.

SUFFRAGE PARADE IS BROKEN UP WHEN MEN MAKE LOVE TO WOMEN

PARIS, March 30.—Gallantry may prove fatal to the woman suffrage movement in France. The first suffrage parade took place Monday, but ended in failure owing to the attentions addressed to the women by a crowd of dandies and masher, both old and young. Breaking through the lines the men overwhelmed the women marchers with their attentions, smirking and bowing and raising their hats. Finally the leaders appealed to the police and the streets were cleared of the mashers, then there was no one else left to review the parade, and the women were escorted to their hall, where they made speeches to one another.

REPRIMANDS AND FINES MEET OUT TO WW OFFICERS

Board of Safety Report on Verdicts in Albany and Heiman Made Public "in Fullness of Time."

After meditating, deliberating, praying perhaps, singing a little, maybe, and then meditating and deliberating some more, the board of public safety decided to let it be known Monday that \$25 fine and a reprimand is the penalty for a policeman sleeping on the job, and a fine of \$10 and reprimand is the punishment for a fire lieutenant who "cusses," or otherwise uses language unbecoming an officer.

The formal sentence handed Patrolman Joe Alby, tried before the board Saturday, at their headquarters in the city hall, and the latter the judgment of the board in the case of Lieut. Wm. Heiman of No. 18 hose house, where the trial was held. The Heiman hearing sprung up like a mushroom, no report of the charges or coming hearing having been given out, and the board remains reticent as to who it was that the lieutenant cussed, or what the unbecoming gab was about.

Says Powders Put Him to Sleep.

Alby's defense was that he had a headache and some headache powder that he secured put him to sleep. His failure to pull the report boxes was similarly explained. The fine of \$25, which goes to the police pension fund, followed in the fullness of time, and the reprimand runs along to the effect that any further use of sleep-producing powders, or failures to report, will mean—probably another trial, another Sunday of profligacy and deliberation, and then a kick into the street on Monday morning.

The Heiman fine of \$10 goes to the firemen's pension fund, and the lieutenant's reprimand was similar to that of the patrolman. President Augustine is authority for the statement that the reprimands were "severe."

KILLS TEACHER WHO TRIED TO REFORM HIM

Youth Confesses Brutal Murder of Young Woman Planned for "Revenge," He Explained.

HERKIMER, N. Y., March 30.—Jean Gianini, the 17-year-old boy arrested for the murder of Miss Lida Beecher, the pretty school teacher, who was found beaten to death near Poland on Saturday, broke down and confessed Monday.

The confession, which is in the hands of District Attorney Farrell, shows that the killing was carefully planned and carried out in the most cold blooded manner. Gianini, whom Miss Beecher was trying to reform, invited the young teacher to call upon his parents and urged them to allow him to return to his studies in the Poland high school. The youth had left the school last summer when he was committed to St. Vincent Industrial school for incorrigibility.

Believing that the boy really desired to mend his ways, Miss Beecher volunteered to accompany him to his home last Friday evening.

Gianini armed himself with a monkey wrench, hiding the weapon in a piece of burlap in his pocket. When the Gianini home was nearly reached the youth informed Miss Beecher that he suddenly remembered that this his last night at home, having gone to visit a neighbor named Holcomb. Miss Beecher promised to accompany Gianini to the Holcomb residence, the road to which was through a lonely, unfrequented country. Suddenly Gianini drew his weapon from his pocket and struck his companion upon the head, knocking her unconscious. He continued to rain blows upon her and then drew a dirk and stabbed her.

"How did you sleep Friday night after killing Miss Beecher?" asked the district attorney.

"I slept fine for I had my revenge," replied the boy.

COUPLE ADOPT CHILD

Dowagiac Couple Ask That Child Be Given to Them.

Arley J. Gillette and Marilda Gillette have filed a petition in the circuit court through their attorneys, Romig and Miller, asking for the right to adopt William Toms. They have had the custody of the child for several years. The petitioners both live at Dowagiac, Mich. The petition was granted.

DAUGHTER ASKS GUARDIAN

Mrs. Lura Harlin Burgess, daughter of Mrs. A. G. Harlin, through Attorney Dudley M. Shively, has filed a petition in the circuit court asking that guardian be appointed for her mother. The authorities are now of the opinion that Mrs. Harlin is but a victim of hysteria and that with rest and proper conditions she will recover.

BIG JUDGMENT ORDERED

Mortgage Ordered Foreclosed and Court Awards \$2,241.96.

Judgment was taken Monday in the superior court in the case of the St. Joseph Loan and Trust company against Eunice J. Martin et al. The suit was to foreclose a mortgage on some property here and the judgment was for \$2,241.96.

TAKES MISS CLARK'S PLACE

Miss Louise Studebaker will complete the year's work of Miss Bernice Clark of the mathematics department during the latter's absence from the local high school. Miss Clark has gone to the University of Chicago to complete her work for a degree at the end of the summer term.

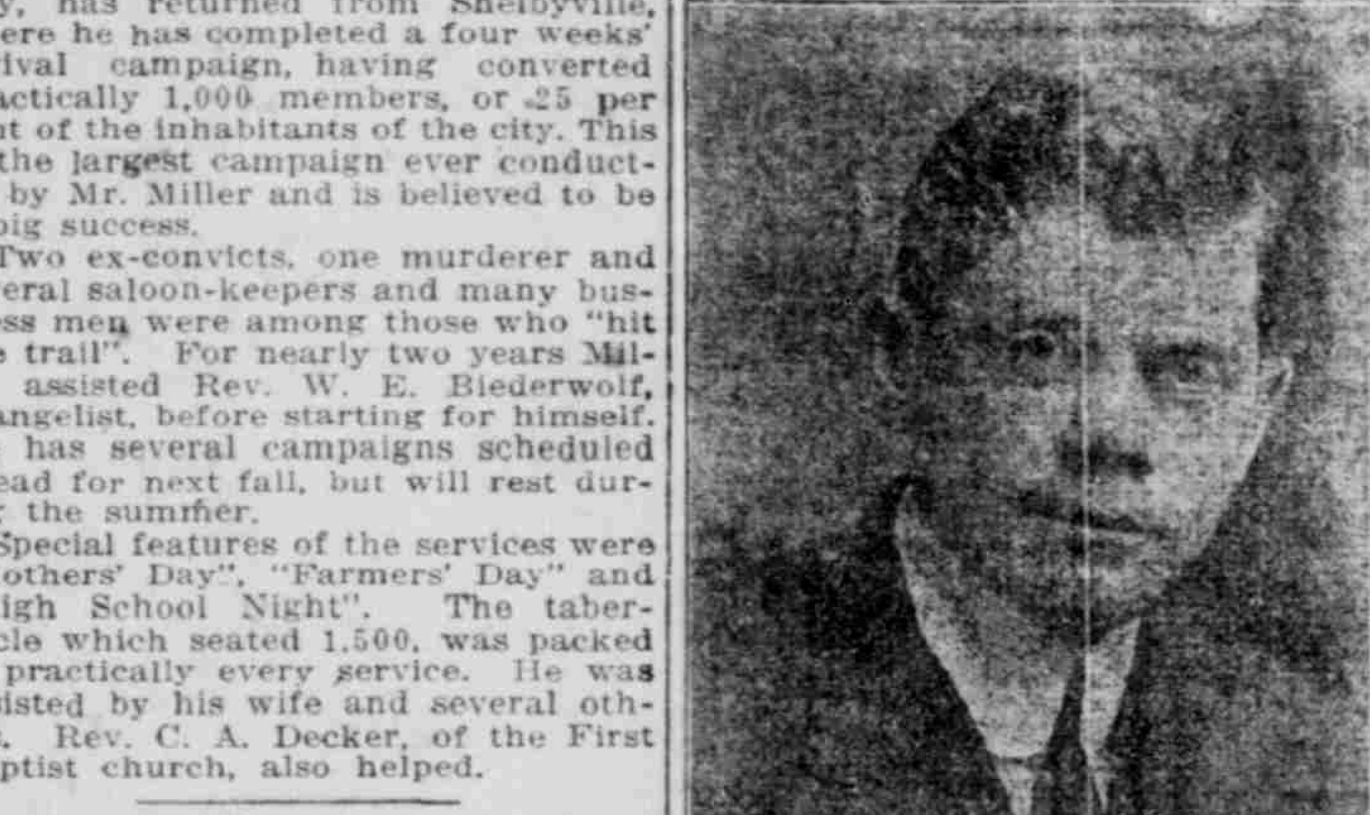
SHE LEADS CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE THROUGH HER PAPER



Mrs. J.H. Stubbs

Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs is managing editor of the "Suffragist" and one of the main workers in the campaign being waged by the Congressional union of suffragists in Washington. The union was organized in April of 1913 to do federal work for the passage of an amendment to the constitution giving the right to vote to all women in the United States.

South Bender Converts One Fourth of City's People



REV. E. C. MILLER.

Rev. E. C. Miller, evangelist of this city, has returned from Shelbyville, where he has conducted a four weeks' revival campaign, having converted practically 1,000 members, or 25 per cent of the inhabitants of the city. This is the largest campaign ever conducted by Mr. Miller and is believed to be a big success.

Two ex-convicts, one murderer and several saloon-keepers and many business men were among those who "hit the trail." For nearly two years Miller assisted Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, evangelist, before starting for himself. He has several campaigns scheduled ahead for next fall, but will rest during the summer.

Special features of the services were "Mothers' Day," "Farmers' Day" and "High School Night." The tabernacle which seated 1,500, was packed at practically every service. He was assisted by his wife and several others. Rev. C. A. Decker, of the First Baptist church, also helped.

PLATZ GETS CONTRACT TO BUILD HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES

The contracts for St. Joseph county's anti-tuberculosis hospital were let Monday morning by the board of county commissioners. Robert Platz was given the contract for the erection of the building for \$7,525, his bid being the lowest submitted.

The contract for the heating, plumbing, fixtures and other items connected with this part of the work went to the South Bend Heating and Plumbing Co. for \$13,215. These two contracts were the only business transacted at the morning session of the county board.

WINS FREEDOM FROM CELL WITH CARTOON

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Evan B. Johnson, newspaper cartoonist and writer, whose work is known over the entire country, left here Monday for Portland, Ore., to take a new job and to serve a prison sentence that he served for a contract. Johnson was pardoned by Gov. Johnson when he saw some of the 200 cartoons the talented prisoner drew during his confinement. The cartoon that attracted the governor's attention was captioned: "Dead Leaves." It showed the calendar leaves of his four-year sentence fluttering down to cover him completely.

ASKS FOR SEPARATE LIFE

Woman Wants Judge to Order Allowance for Her.

A suit for separate maintenance was filed in the superior court Monday morning by Josephine Evans against her husband, Francis G. Evans. The plaintiff alleged the husband to pay her \$12 a week. The court also issued an injunction against Alexis Lengyel on the divorce petition of his wife and granted a divorce to Josephine against her husband. The latter divorce case was heard last week but the jurisdiction of the court was not fully established.

SUNDAY CALLED HIM FOOL, AVERS PLAINTIFF IN SUIT

NEW YORK, March 30.—The secret behind the suit for \$25,000 damages recently brought against "Billie Sunday," the evangelist, by Charles H. Bell, was revealed Monday when a bill of particulars was filed by the plaintiff. Mr. Bell, who is secretary to Joseph Milbank, a banker, charges that the evangelist characterized him as "a fool whose brains are on the melt" during an address in the meeting at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Among the other allegations made by Bell are that Mr. Sunday made the following allusions to him: "All are members of that society which is wallowing in putridity. "And then to think of the Brutal Bell pushing a whole lot of live at his poor sick wife instead of dainties which are only allowable in the sick chamber. "He (Bell) is one of those animals that Teddy calls a mollycoddie."

KINCH LOSING GROUND; HIGH FEVER DEVELOPS

Clifford Kinch, the boy who was shot by Harry Zoss, is reported to be in a more serious condition Monday afternoon. Epworth hospital authorities are working a high fever developed during the day.

WICHITA, Kans.—"If women keep up the present style of head gear—tight-fitting hat bands—there will be an epidemic of baldness among them," Dr. Schultz told an audience of clubwomen.

DEBATE NOT TO SPLIT PARTY SAYS WILSON

President Deplores Attempt to Degenerate Dignified Contest Into Attack on Administration.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—President Wilson is certain that the tolls repeal debate will not split the democratic party and that his fight for the repeal will not be defeated. He stated Monday that his chief regret in connection with the debate was that what was promised to be a dignified contest has degenerated into an attempt to discredit the administration.

He characterizes Representative Knowland's speech in which it was charged that the president had made a deal with the British government as the crowning insult of a number of insults in the debate. All of the acrimony shown against the administration only makes more certain the result, the president declared to his callers.

The president points out that the Baltimore platform contained two planks, one of them reiterating the long standing principle of the democratic party against ship subsidies or subsidies of any sort and the other affirming the tolls exemption policy. The president declares there was no question in his mind that free tolls is a subsidy of the clearest type and that, therefore, it violates not only a plank in the Baltimore platform which takes precedence over the other, but a well established democratic policy.

One of the proofs of where the democratic party really stood on the question of tolls lies in the fact that the majority of the democrats in the house voted against the tolls exemption bill when it was passed originally, the president said.

ZAPATA IS SLAIN; HUERTA MAY TAKE FIELD WITH ARMY

Killing of "Rebel Butcher" of South Mexico is Announced Officially, But Details Are Lacking.

MEXICO CITY, March 30.—General Refugio Velasco, commander of the federal troops at the battle of Torreon, is reported to have been killed in the fighting there early Monday. The report emanated in government circles and met with no denial from Minister Blanquet up to noon.

MEXICO CITY, March 30.—All hope that Torreon could withstand the assault of General Villa's army was abandoned by government officials Monday when they were notified that the fighting there early Monday. General de la Huerta had been unable to force their way to the federal stronghold. They were kept away from Torreon by strong forces of rebels.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TO HOLD CONVENTION

The first district convention of Christian churches has been arranged to be held in Kendallville April 21 and 22. Rev. G. W. Henry, president of the committee that has charge of the session, will be one of the principal speakers at the session. A large delegation from this city will attend and many local people will take part in the discussions and in the program.

District news will be furnished by Miss Maude Young, Miss LaVerne Cass, Mrs. Lester Spiller and Mrs. H. M. Appleman. Rev. Cecil Franklin of the Indiana Avenue Christian church will be one of the speakers. Representatives from 40 churches will attend.

CALLS ENGLAND EUROPE'S BULLY IN TOLLS DEBATE

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Sitting in an invalid's seat, Representative L'Engle, of Florida, today opened the third day of debate in the house on the president's bill to repeal the free tolls clause of the Panama canal act. The Florida member, a cripple from rheumatism, obtained brief time to voice his opposition to the administration proposal.

Following L'Engle's speech the debate was opened on all sides with some of the heaviest gun fire fired in the history of the house. The free tolls issue. Representative Doremus, of Michigan, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee was one of the speakers who assailed the repeal bill. He asserted that it constituted a surrender to Great Britain.

Opposing the repeal measure Representative L'Engle said: "I have heard much about the Anglo-Saxon bond between England and the United States. This kind of talk has not impressed me much because my observation has been and the cold bare logic of passing events has proved that Great Britain is not the friend of this country except when the advantage of that friendship lies with Great Britain."

"John Bull has been rampaging around the world seeking whom he could scare and forcing himself into every place of advantage by bluff, bluster and blood. England was the bully of Europe and expected to be the bully of the world and made good at it until she was cut down. We called the world bully down in 1776."

NEW WATER RATES GO BEFORE STATE UTILITIES BOARD

Commission Insists That City Stop Grafting on Private Consumers in Matter of Water Supply.

BOARD OF WORKS WILL ASK FOR PROPERTY TAX

Burden of Fighting Fire, and Supplying Public Buildings, Schools and Churches to be Taken From Washerwomen.

Due to a demand on the part of the state public service commission that all municipal and privately owned utilities be subjected to the same rules of accounting, and that all injustices in rates, and discrimination in service be eliminated, the board of public works has taken steps to revise the system of maintenance of the South Bend water plant. The injustice of water consumers bearing all the burden of plant maintenance, not only in supply of water, construction and depreciation, but of extra pressure and a thousand hydrants for fire protection, besides supplying free water to city buildings, schools, churches, parks, etc., is to be given a shake-up. A revised schedule of rates for water use for residences, business places, public buildings, factories, schools, churches, fire hydrants, etc., have been submitted to the commission. The charges for public buildings, schools and hydrants to be charged against the public as a property tax, thus lessening the rate for residential and business consumers, according to the plan being devised.

It is alleged that 40 pounds water pressure is enough for commercial purposes, but that for residential use must be maintained for in case of fire. This extra expense has fallen upon the water consumer exclusively, they being the only water taxpayers. Many of the thousand hydrants, upwards of 100, are inside factories and factory yards, of exclusive service to the plants in case of fire; sometimes true where the factory has a water plant of its own and has no use for city water except in case of fire, paying no water tax at all.

City to Quit Grafting.

It is to shift this burden from washerwomen to the city, to pay only for the water she consumes in her washing, that the readjustment is being planned. The city will pay for its water plant, its water in public buildings, and to fight fire, the same as though it were buying it of a private water company, instead of hencethrough grafting it off the public.

Water supply for churches, hospitals, schools, fire department houses, hydrants, water fountains and tanks, city buildings and all municipal water will be accounted for and a rate will be assessed for each class of corporation will be required to pay its water bill. City water will be paid for by the taxpayer and an account will be kept of every gallon of water used.

Churches, hospitals, schools, etc., as well as other buildings have been exempt from paying for city water in the past, the expense having been borne by raising the rates of the private water consumers. The new plan will lower the rates and water used for public purposes will be paid for through the taxes.

According to estimates in the report of 1912 a total of \$39,133.45 worth of water was consumed for public purposes and the expense met by the consumer of water. Public schools used water worth \$2,541.95; parochial schools used \$799.21; fire departments, houses used \$235.21; municipal buildings, sewers, flush tanks, water troughs, fountains, etc., used \$18,664.31; and hydrants used \$45,800. From other sources the supply amounted to \$99,193.45.

A cost rate has been suggested to the public service commission for schools, hospitals and such corporations, probably 5 cents per 1,000 feet, churches will pay the regular rate. An account will be kept of all the water used and it is hoped through the plan to be able to ascertain whether the new plan is a saving to the city.

Taking Plant Inventory.

Superintendent Toyne is making an effort to get an exact value of the plant. All the parts will be inventoried and it is hoped to get a physical estimate of the value of the plant. In the future coal will be purchased on the thermal unit basis, the plant having been equipped for that purpose.

Plans are being made to change the deposit required for a water meter, from \$2 to \$5. If this proposition is taken up, 4 per cent interest will be allowed the consumer for the deposit. The flat rate has been levied for years. No plans in each case the various items have been lowered. The plans, providing they are accepted by the commission, will go in operation after July 1, when the new station will open.

Plans to spend \$25,000 during the next year for the laying of mains and sewer pipe extensions have been made and contracts are being placed. No pipes will be laid unless it can be shown that they will pay 10 per cent on the investment. Efforts are being made by Superintendent Toyne to devise a systematic method of flushing hydrants, as in the past on many occasions the fire departments have found hydrants not in good working order in cases of emergency. They will be tested at periodical intervals in the future.

Charles P. Creviston, clerk of the water works department, has resigned and will leave his position within the next 30 days. A successor will be secured to take his place. It is probable he will probably be secured from within the works office.